

1872, ch. 87. 1888, ch. 194.

**226.** The clerk of the circuit court of Baltimore city and the clerk of the circuit court number two of Baltimore city are, respectively, authorized and empowered to appoint a night watchman, whose duty shall be to strictly and vigilantly guard, throughout the year, between the hours of six P. M. and seven A. M., the records and papers deposited in their respective offices, and who shall be removed in the discretion of the said clerks, respectively, for neglect or carelessness in the discharge of his duties, or for other good and sufficient cause.

Ibid.

**227.** The register of the city of Baltimore shall pay to the said watchmen the sum of nine hundred dollars per annum, as and for their respective salary, in the same manner as is provided for the payment of the salaries of the bailiffs of the courts.

1878, ch. 479.

**228.** The clerk of the court of common pleas in Baltimore city is authorized and empowered to appoint a night watchman, whose duty it shall be to strictly and vigilantly guard, throughout the year, the records and papers deposited in the office of the clerk of the court of common pleas, and who shall be removed in the discretion of the said clerk, for neglect or carelessness in the discharge of his duties, or for other good and sufficient cause.

Ibid.

**229.** The register of the city of Baltimore shall pay to the said watchman the sum of eighty-three dollars and thirty-three cents per month, as and for his salary, in the same manner as is provided for the payment of the salaries of the bailiffs of the courts.

1887, ch. 378.

**230.** In every action in which issue of fact is now or shall hereafter be joined, in the superior court of Baltimore city, in the court of common pleas, or the Baltimore city court, except in cases of appeal from a judgment of a justice of the peace, the plaintiff in such action shall, as a condition precedent to such action being brought to trial, pay to the clerk the sum of three dollars ; and in